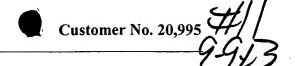
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing two (2) references that are also enclosed.

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. (X)
- A PTO Form 1449 with two (2) references. (X)
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